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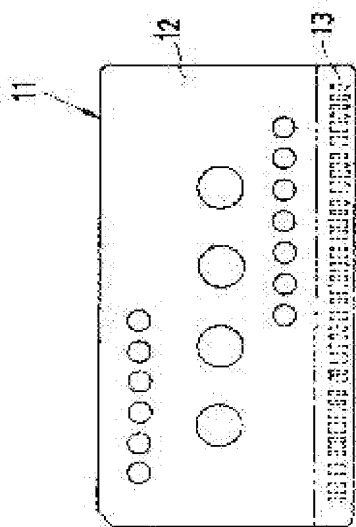
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(54) RECORDING MEDIUM



(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide inexpensively a check means having a high protection performance for protecting a recording medium against forgery or unlawful use thereof, by providing an indicating part for printing visible information thereon, and a data recording part for recording thereon data consisting of thermal marks optically readable but invisible.

CONSTITUTION: A wide indicating surface 12 with visible indication information printed thereon is provided on an upper part of the face side of a rectangular piece of paper for a negotiable instrument 11, disposed with the longitudinal direction set horizontally. The printing on the indication surface 12 is conducted by using an ordinary visible thermal recording agent, thereby facilitating handling and management of the negotiable instrument 11. On the lower side of the indication surface part 12, thermal marks 13 as a data recording part are printed in an elongate strip form along the longitudinal direction of the negotiable instrument 11 by use of an invisible thermal recording agent for IR reading. The thermal marks 13 comprise transaction data such as the instrument kind code, issue number, issuer, term

of validity and IC code, and the presence or position thereof are invisible and can not be read by magnetic detection, so that the thermal marks 13 serve as highly confidential security data to securely protect the negotiable instrument 11 against forgery or unlawful use thereof. The thermal marks 13 can be read only by a mark reader.